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Date: Sunday, October 4, 1998

Time: 4:00-7:00pm (rain or shine)

Place: Linda Melrose's home and garden in Virginia Highlands

Address: 1025 Highland View Ave., NE, Atlanta, GA 30306

For further information: 404-872-2220

We are honored to announce the first annual
Dennie Doucher Healing Angel Award
which will be presented to Dr. Janice Galleshaw,
an oncologist and friend of ALCI,
at the Garden Party.

Directions From Downtown:

Take Ponce de Leon east towards Decatur.
Turn Left on North Highland Avenue
Highland View is the fourth street on the left.

Hope to see you there!



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OUR FIRST EIGHTEEN MONTHS

- Founded in June, 1996 by Dennie Doucher, Sherry Hale, and Linda McGehee
- Our first project, a cancer support group, began last October, 1996, and is Georgia's only cancer support group for lesbians and their partners. The support group is endorsed by the American Cancer Society, Georgia Division.
- American Cancer Society, Georgia Division, training for two community cancer support group facilitators and two licensed professional group facilitators, Fall 1996
- ALCI is a sponsored project of the Fund for Southern Communities, is non-profit and incorporated.
- Raised \$26,850 from individual and organizational contributions
- Two founding members of ALCI attended the Non-Profit Resource Center's training on Grassroots Fund-raising and Better Boards, Fall 1996
- Mailing sent to 500 health care providers, breast centers, and therapists to introduce our organization and our support group, Fall 1996
- Facilitated group discussion on lesbians and breast cancer following two performances of *My Left Breast*, June 5, 7 1997 and SAME's showing of the documentary film, *Cancer in Two Voices*, October 13, 1996
- Developed a volunteer, working 9 member board, Spring 1997. Thanks to all the hard-working Board members: Caroline Joe, Kimball Johnson, Linda McGehee, Ptlene Minick, Jill Ruhlman, Michelle Smith, Jody Usher, Linda Vaughn, and the late Dennie Doucher.
- Gay and lesbian community presentation to Frontrunners Atlanta regarding lesbians, cancer and the Atlanta Lesbian Cancer Initiative, June, 1997
- Community outreach regarding lesbians and cancer at Atlanta Lesbian and Gay PRIDE 1997
- Board member attended Project LEAD, training for community organizing and consumer advocacy, sponsored by the National Breast Cancer Coalition in Washington, DC, in July, 1997. Education of ALCI board members regarding current knowledge of breast cancer causes, prevention and treatment, September 11, 1997. Participation in panel presentation of Project LEAD at Integrating Public Health Programs for Cancer Control, a conference sponsored by the CDC and the US Dept of Health and Human Services, Atlanta, GA, September 3, 1997
- Board member conducted a pilot research project on lesbians and breast cancer and presented at The First World Breast Cancer Conference in Kingston, Canada, in July, 1997. Presentation of this project to the ALCI board on September 11, 1997.
- Presentations by a board member on lesbian health and cancer issues as a guest lecturer in a graduate women's health course in nursing, a community-wide program on breast cancer sponsored by the Komen Foundation, and a program on lesbians and cancer for Fourth Tuesday. Also participated in a panel presentation on "Grassroots to Government—Integrating Gays and Lesbians in Cancer Control" at Integrating Public Health Programs for Cancer Control, a conference sponsored by the CDC and the US Dept of Health and Human Services, Atlanta, GA, September 3, 1997
- Interviews with Etc. Magazine, Southern Voice, The Advocate, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, the Kingston Whig Standard newspaper (Kingston, Canada), and 99X radio station on lesbians and cancer
- Board member presented testimony at the Institute of Medicine's Workshop on Lesbian Health Research Priorities, Washington, D.C., October 6-7, 1997.

ATLANTA LESBIAN CANCER INITIATIVE

Some scholars estimate that there may be a higher incidence of cancer among lesbians. We know that this potential risk is not based on sexual orientation, but based on each woman's personal history. Some lesbians are less likely to have children, more likely to drink alcohol, and more likely to consume high fat diets—all of which may play a small role in overall risk. In addition, lesbians may delay seeking health care because of lack of knowledge regarding health care screening and the need for regular physical exams, insufficient finances, lack of insurance, or past negative experiences with health care providers.

The Atlanta Lesbian Cancer Initiative, a non-profit organization, began meeting during the Summer, 1996. Guided by the belief that lesbians who are diagnosed with cancer and are in a health crisis should not have to be alone, we gathered representatives from various lesbian organizations to discuss our ideas. *The Initiative's mission is to provide education, advocacy and services in support of lesbians with cancer, their partners and their families.* In addition, we want to serve as a catalyst for the prevention and cure of cancer. We are accomplishing our mission through the following activities: 1) offering two support groups for lesbians with cancer and their partners at no charge, 2) providing community educational programs to increase awareness and disseminate accurate information on cancer related topics, 3) developing, in collaboration with the Georgia Association of Physicians for Human Rights (GAPHR), a lesbian/gay/bisexual-sensitive physicians list, 4) educating health care providers concerning the needs of lesbians with cancer, and 5) developing a volunteer base to provide direct services for lesbians with cancer.

The Atlanta Lesbian Cancer Initiative needs your support in order to continue the important work! (Please Print)

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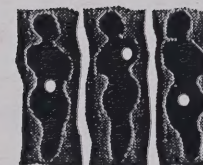
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Please make your tax exempt donations to: Fund for Southern Communities (marked for ALCI)

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mission

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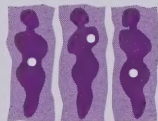
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1530 DeKalb Avenue, NE, Suite A
Atlanta, Georgia 30307
(404) 688-2524 (ALCI)



Draft dated Dec. 10

Volunteer Coordinator: Atlanta Lesbian Cancer Initiative is seeking a half-time (20 hours/week) coordinator to create a volunteer program to serve our clients. The position responsibilities include: assessing client needs; interviewing, selecting, and training volunteers; planning, assigning and directing work to volunteers. Other duties include developing volunteer database, appraising performance, rewarding volunteers, and resolving problems. A bachelor's degree or comparable experience in human services is preferred. Salary range in teens, depending on experience. Deadline for resumes is January 24.

No phone calls. Please fax or mail resume to ALCI, 1530A Dekalb Ave., Atlanta, GA 30307. Fax: 404-688-2638.

Looks great!

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1600 Piedmont Avenue
Atlanta, GA 30324
Phone: (404) 874-3751



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The Roman Lily Cafe

668 Highland Avenue
Phone: (404) 653-1155
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Ardan's Garden

985 Monroe Drive NW
Atlanta, GA 30308
Phone: (404) 817-6624



Emory Village
1545 North Decatur Road
Atlanta, GA 30307
(404) 373-4240



250 W. Ponce de Leon Avenue
Decatur, GA 30030
Phone: (404) 373-3423



1514 Monroe Drive
Atlanta, GA 30324
Phone: (404) 885-1000



1655 McLendon Avenue
Atlanta, GA 30307
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by making a donation!

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ALCI, 1189 Euclid Ave., Atlanta, GA, 30307.

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Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual- Friendly Physician List

A Project of the Atlanta Lesbian Cancer Initiative



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In an effort to support the larger lesbian, gay, bisexual community, ALCI has developed a list of physicians who have agreed to provide health care that is both sensitive to and supportive of lesbian, gay, and bisexual clients. The physician list extends beyond cancer and AIDS by virtue of including physicians who are specialists in many fields of medicine. We hope that the list will assist you in making choices that lead to positive relationships with your health care providers. This project is on-going and will be updated regularly. In the future, we will include other professionals who provide physical and mental health care. If your physician is not listed and is lesbian, gay, bisexual-friendly, please contact us with their name and address.

*This list is comprised of physicians who responded to our request for provision of non-discriminatory care; however, we give no assurances as to the quality of their services.

This project was made possible by funding from Front Runners Atlanta.
The Georgia Association of Physicians for Human Rights (GAPHR) collaborated on this project.
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CARDIAC SURGERY

Name	Phone Number	Address	Special Interest
John Gott, MD	404-686-2522	550 Peachtree St., NE Atlanta, GA 30365	

CARDIOLOGY

Sally Beer, MD	404-355-9815	95 Collier Rd., #2035 Atlanta, GA 30309	Nuclear cardiology
Allen L. Dollar, MD	404-355-6562	95 Collier Rd., NW, Suite 2075 Atlanta, GA 30309	Invasive and non-invasive cardiology
	770-832-1070	100 Professional Park, Suite 207 Carrollton, GA 30117	
B. J. Erb, MD	404-355-6562	Cardiology of Georgia, PC 95 Collier Rd., NW, Suite 2075 Atlanta, GA 30309	
	404-296-1256	2675 N. Decatur Rd., Suite 200 Decatur, GA 30033	
Randolph Patterson, MD	770-730-0119	LifeTech Cardiac Imaging 1140 Hammond Dr., Bldg. 1, #9120 Atlanta, GA 30328	Nuclear cardiology
	404-686-5051	The Emory Clinic, Inc. 550 Peachtree St., NE Atlanta, GA 30365	
Mark Silverman, MD	404-605-3368	1968 Peachtree Rd., NW Atlanta, GA 30309	

COLON & RECTAL SURGERY

Joseph Nichols Jr., MD	404-351-2001	2001 Peachtree St., NE, #540 Atlanta, GA 30309	
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DERMATOLOGY

Hal Brody, MD	404-525-7409	478 Peachtree St., NE, Suite 711-A Atlanta, GA 30308	Liposuction, Skin resurfacing (laser & chemical)
Jean M. Kois, MD	404-355-5484	Georgia Dermatology Specialists 2045 Peachtree St., #800 Atlanta, GA 30309	
Marilynne McKay, MD	404-778-3681	1365 Clifton Rd., NE Atlanta, GA 30322	
George Miller, MD	404-255-8245	993-D Johnson Ferry Rd., Suite 290 Atlanta, GA 30342	
Alan Olansky, MD	404-355-5484	Georgia Dermatology Specialists 2045 Peachtree St., #800 Atlanta, GA 30309	MOHS surgery for skin cancer

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David C. Olansky, MD	404-355-5484	Georgia Dermatology Specialists 2045 Peachtree St., #800 Atlanta, GA 30309	MOHS surgery for skin cancer
Sidney Olansky, MD	404-355-5484	Georgia Dermatology Specialists 2045 Peachtree St., #800 Atlanta, GA 30309	
John H. Strickler, Jr., MD	404-525-7409	711-A Doctors Building 478 Peachtree St., NE Atlanta, GA 30308	

EAR, NOSE AND THROAT

Kingsley Chin, MD	404-351-5045	Piedmont ENT Associates 35 Collier Rd., NE, Suite 455 Atlanta, GA 30309	
Keith Dockery, MD	404-350-7966	3280 Howell Mill Rd., NW, Suite T-35 Atlanta, GA 30327	

FAMILY PRACTICE

Catherine Bray, MD	404-501-2900	2665 N. Decatur Rd., Suite 220 Decatur, GA 30033	
Dwana Bush, MD	404-255-5774	90 W. Wieuca Rd., NE Atlanta, GA 30342	
J. Manuel Patino, MD	404-355-2000	Family Health Care of Atlanta, P.C. 1935 Howell Mill Rd., NW Atlanta, GA 30318	HIV
Bruce Ramsdell, MD	770-767-8274	2225 Godby Rd. College Park, GA 30349	
Mark Tanner, MD	404-355-2000	Family Health Care of Atlanta, P.C. 1935 Howell Mill Rd., NW	

GASTROENTEROLOGY

Booker Dalton Jr., MD	404-355-3200	95 Collier Rd., NE, Suite 4075 Atlanta, GA 30309	
Norm Elliot, MD	404-881-1094	Atlanta Gastroenterology Associates 20 Linden Ave., NE, Suite 500 Atlanta, GA 30365	
	770-994-2280	81 Upper Riverdale Rd., Suite 145 Riverdale, GA 30274	
Michael Galambos, MD	404-355-3200	95 Collier Rd., NE, Suite 4075 Atlanta, GA 30309	Hepatology

Name	Phone Number	Address	Special Interest
Valerie Jagiella, MD	404-355-1690	35 Collier Rd., NW #650 Atlanta, GA 30309	
Cynthia Rudert, MD	770-475-0903	2500 Hospital Blvd., Suite 210 Roswell, GA 30076	Irritable bowel/spastic colon, holistic approaches to gastrointestinal illness
Christopher Shaw, MD	404-257-9000	St. Joseph's Medical Building III 5671 Peachtree Dunwoody Rd., NE Suite 600 Atlanta GA 30342	
	404-257-9000	N. Fulton Medical Arts Center 11685 Alpharetta Hwy., Suite 160 Roswell, GA 30076	
Alan G. Sunshine, MD	404-351-9512	20 Linden Ave., NE Atlanta, GA 30308	
Randy J. Yanda, MD	404-355-1690	35 Collier Rd., NW Atlanta, GA 30309	

GENERAL MEDICINE Physicians who accept Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance

Suzanne Shirey, MD	404-892-6465	Rossi Medical Group, P.C. 699-A Piedmont Ave. Atlanta, GA 30308	HIV
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GYNECOLOGY & OBSTETRICS Physicians who accept Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance

Catherine M. Bonk, MD	404-299-9724	315 Winn Way Decatur, GA 30030	
Kelley B. Dobson, MD	404-252-1137	975 Johnson Ferry Rd., #400 Atlanta, GA 30342	
Beverly Douglas, MD	404-352-3616	2001 Peachtree Rd., NE, Suite 640 Atlanta, GA 30309	Menopause
Wayne Hudak, MD	404-257-3378	The Reproductive Institute, Inc. 993 F Johnson Ferry Rd., Suite 330 Atlanta, GA 30342	Infertility, PMS, Perimenopause, Menopause, Microsurgery/laser surgery, Advanced endoscopy
Jeffrey Korotkin, MD	404-851-8988	1000 Johnson Ferry Rd. Atlanta, GA 30342	
Surender Kumar, MD	770-941-3078	1001 Thomson, #403 Lithia Springs, GA 30057	Gynecologic laser surgery, Urogynecology
Deborah Lee, MD	404-355-0320	Atlanta OB/Gyn 2001 Peachtree Rd., NE, Suite 510 Atlanta, GA 30309	
Donald Mansfield, MD	404-299-2079	Medical Surgical Plaza 465 Winn Way, Suite 201 Decatur, GA 30030	Weight loss clinic

Name	Phone Number	Address	Special Interest
Camran Nezhat, MD	404-255-8778	Center for Special Pelvic Surgery 5555 Peachtree Dunwoody Rd., # 276 Atlanta, GA 30342	Reproductive endocrinology, Laparoscopic surgery
Ceana Nezhat, MD	404-255-8778	5555 Peachtree Dunwoody Rd., #276 Atlanta, GA 30342	
Farr Nezhat, MD	404-255-8778	5555 Peachtree Dunwoody Rd., #276 Atlanta, GA 30342	
Mark Perloe, MD	404-265-3662	285 Boulevard, NE #320 Atlanta, GA 30312	Reproductive endocrinology, infertility
Leslie Pope, DO	404-501-7610	2675 N Decatur Rd., Suite G-05 Decatur GA 30033	Normal and high risks obstetrics, Fertility, Endoscopic & laser surgery
	770-396-2496	4120 Five Forks Trickum Rd., Suite 103 Lilburn, GA 30047	
Gerald M. Rehert, MD	404-688-2800	490 Peachtree St., NE Atlanta, GA 30308	
Howard Reisman, MD	770-992-2691	11050 Crabapple Rd. #111D Roswell, GA 30062	
C. Willis Sherrer, MD	404-355-4885	105 Collier Rd. NW #1010 Atlanta, GA 30309	
Brenda Smith, MD	770-475-5325	2500 Hospital Blvd., #490 Roswell, GA 30076	
Cheng Ling Yu, MD	770-723-9877	1462 Montreal #412 Tucker, GA 30084	
Robert Warnock, MD	404-252-9913	5671 Peachtree Dunwoody Rd. Suite 680 Atlanta, GA 30342	
	770-664-2100	11685 Alpharetta Hwy., Suite 125 Roswell, GA 30076	

GYNECOLOGIC ONCOLOGY

Benedict Benigno, MD	404-255-7916	980 Johnson Ferry Rd., #900 Atlanta, GA 30342
Sarah L. Hosford, MD	404-265-3614	285 Boulevard NE, Suite 430 Atlanta, GA 30312
Edward B. Weiser, MD	404-255-7916	Southeastern Gynecologic Oncology, LLP 980 Johnson Ferry Rd., NE, Suite 900 Atlanta, GA 30342

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Philip Brachman, MD	404-355-3161	Atlanta I.D. Group, PC 2001 Peachtree Rd., NW, Suite 525 Atlanta, GA 30309
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Name	Phone Number	Address	Special Interest
Robert Capparell, MD	404-256-4111	Robert Capparell Infectious Diseases 671 Peachtree Dunwoody Rd., Suite 540 Atlanta, GA 30342	
Daniel Cohen, MD	770-995-0466	Gwinnett Infectious Diseases, P.C. 600 Professional Dr., Suite 170 Lawrenceville, GA 30245	
Howard Cohen, MD	404-851-0081	Atlanta Infectious Disease Specialists 960 Johnson Ferry Rd., Suite 245 Atlanta, GA 30342	
Lee Diamond, MD	770-991-1500	Infectious Disease Associates 6285 Don Hastings Dr., Suite A Riverdale, GA 30274 478 Peachtree St., NE, Suite 207A Atlanta, GA 30308	
Robin Dretler, MD	404-297-9755	Infectious Disease Specialists 2665 N. Decatur Rd., Suite 33 Decatur, GA 30033	Travel medicine (vaccines)
Patricia DuBose, MD	404-255-1900	5667 Peachtree Dunwoody Rd. Suite 285 Atlanta, GA 30342	
Richard DuBois, MD	404-265-1650	Center for Treatment of Infectious Diseases 285 Boulevard, NE, Suite 120 Atlanta, GA 30312	
Joseph Havlik, MD	770-739-8282	West Georgia Infectious Diseases 1700 Hospital South Dr., Suite 402 Austell, GA 30001	
Stephen Kagan, MD	404-297-9755	Infectious Disease Specialists 2665 N. Decatur Rd., Suite 330 Decatur, GA 30033	
Richard Kauffman, MD	770-436-2444	Vinings Family Health Care Center 4199 Paces Ferry Rd., Suite A Atlanta, GA 30339	Family medicine, Emergency medicine, HIV
Phyllis Kozarsky, MD	404-686-5885	Crawford Long Hospital 25 Prescott St., 2nd Floor Atlanta, GA 30308	Tropical/Travel medicine
Jeff Lennox, MD	404-616-2493	The Ponce de Leon Center 341 Ponce de Leon Ave., NE, Room P-48 Atlanta, GA 30308	
Carlos Lopez, MD	404-355-3161	Atlanta ID Group 2001 Peachtree Rd., NW, Suite 525 Atlanta, GA 30309	
Paul Martin, MD	770-995-0466	Gwinnett Infectious Diseases, P.C. 600 Professional Dr., Suite 170 Lawrenceville, GA 30245	

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Steven I. Marlowe, MD	404-350-5690	Paces Pavillion 3193 Howell Mill Rd., Suite 306 Atlanta, GA 30327	
Dennis Melton, MD	404-265-1650	Ctr. for Treatment of Infectious Disease 285 Boulevard, NE, Suite 120 Atlanta, GA 30312	
Hieu Nguyen, MD	404-297-9755	Infectious Disease Specialists 2665 N. Decatur Rd., Suite 330 Decatur, GA 30033	
Richard Prokesch, MD	770-991-1500	Infectious Disease Associates 6285 Don Hastings Dr., Suite A Riverdale, GA 30274	
Elliot Raizes, MD	770-995-0466	Gwinnett Infectious Diseases, P.C. 600 Professional Dr., Suite 170 Lawrenceville, GA 30245	
David Rimland, MD	404-321-6111 ext. 6165	VA Medical Center, Medical Service 1670 Clairmont Rd. Decatur, GA 30033	
Joel Rosenstock, MD, MPH	404-351-8873	Peachtree Infectious Diseases, Inc. 35 Collier Rd., Suite 245 Atlanta, GA 30309	
Lisa D. Rotz, MD	404-350-5690	Paces Pavillion 3193 Howell Mill Rd., Suite 306 Atlanta, GA 30327	
James Steinberg, MD	404-686-8114	Crawford W. Long Hospital 20 Linden Ave., Suite 101-G Atlanta, GA 30308	
Kimberly Workowski, MD	404-686-8114	Crawford Long Hospital 20 Linden Ave., Suite 101-G Atlanta, GA 30308	Travel medicine

INTERNAL MEDICINE

Charles Bailey, MD	404-688-7884	490 Peachtree St., NE Atlanta, GA 30308	
Annette Bernard, MD	404-874-3102	Thacker & Thompson, MD, PC 1512 Piedmont Ave., NE, Suite 200 Atlanta, GA 30324	HIV
James Braude, MD	404-607-1777	Braude, Mermin, & Spivey, MD, PC 1109 W. Peachtree St. Atlanta, GA 30309	
Adrian Douglass, MD	404-350-1010	35 Collier Rd., NW, Suite 500 Atlanta, GA 30309	

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Kimball Anne Johnson, MD	404-892-6465	Rossi Medical Group, P.C. 699-A Piedmont Ave., NE Atlanta, GA 30308	Women's Health Sports Medicine, HIV
Robert Malamis, MD	404-607-1777	Braude, Mermin, & Spivey, MD, PC 1109 W. Peachtree St. Atlanta GA 30309	
Margaret Mermin, MD	404-607-1777	Braude, Mermin, & Spivey, MD, PC 1109 W. Peachtree St. Atlanta, GA 30309	
Michael O'Neill, MD	404-736-8500	2121 Fountain Dr., #A Snellville, GA 30278	
Lisa Robbins, MD	770-736-8500	New London Primary Care Center 2121 Fountain Dr. Snellville, GA 30078	
Toni Rossi, MD	404-892-6465	Rossi Medical Group, P.C. 699-A Piedmont Ave., NE Atlanta, GA 30308	Women's health issues, Preventive care, HIV
Scott Shulman, MD	404-256-8500	975 Johnson Ferry Rd. Atlanta, GA 30342	
Joseph Smiddy, MD	404-325-2273	13 Corporate Square, Suite 107 Atlanta, GA 30329	
David Spivey, MD	404-607-1777	Braude, Mermin, & Spivey, MD, PC 1109 West Peachtree St., NW Atlanta, GA 30309	HIV
Melanie Thompson, MD	404-874-3102	Thacker & Thompson, MD, PC 1512 Piedmont Ave., NE, Suite 200 Atlanta, GA 30324	HIV

NEPHROLOGY (RENAL DISEASE)

Eda L. Hochgelerent, MD	404-352-8522	Piedmont Professional Building 77 Collier Rd., NW, Suite 2050 Atlanta, GA 30309	
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NEUROLOGY

Eric A. Awad, MD	404-351-2270	105 Collier Rd., Suite 5000 Atlanta, GA 30309	Epilepsy, Headaches, HIV related neurological problems
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NEUROLOGICAL SURGERY

Susie Tindall, MD	404-321-0111	The Emory Clinic, Inc 1365 Clifton Rd., NE, Suite B2200 Atlanta, GA 30322	
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ONCOLOGY & HEMATOLOGY

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Robert S. Allen, MD	404-355-9243	105 Collier Rd., Suite 3040 Atlanta, GA 30309	
Perry Ballard, MD	404-350-9853	Peachtree Hematology & Oncology Consultants, PC 95 Collier Rd. NW, Suite 5015 Atlanta, GA 30309	
Daniel Carr, MD	404-609-9283	Georgia Cancer Specialists 3200 Downwood Cir., #125 Atlanta, GA 30327	
Bruce Feinberg, MD	770-496-5555	Georgia Cancer Specialists 2712 Lawrenceville Hwy. Decatur, GA 30033	
Carlos Franco, MD	404-256-4777	Georgia Cancer Specialists 993-D Johnson Ferry Rd., Suite 430 Atlanta, GA 30342	Bone marrow (stem cell transplantation)
Janice A. Galleshaw, MD	404-256-4777	Georgia Cancer Specialists 993-D Johnson Ferry Rd., Suite 430 Atlanta, GA 30342	
David Goldberg, MD	404-255-1556	5667 Peachtree Dunwoody Rd. NE Atlanta, GA 30342	
Bruce J. Gould, MD	770-793-7400	Northwest Georgia Oncology Centers, PC 55 S. Medical Dr. #240 Marietta, GA 30060	
Robert Hermann, MD	770-793-7400	55 Medical Dr. #240 Marietta, GA 30060	
Jim Jones, MD	404-609-9283	Georgia Cancer Specialists 3200 Downwood Cir, Suite 125 Atlanta, GA 30327	
Richard C. Lauer, MD	404-355-9243	105 Collier Rd. NE, Suite 3040 Atlanta, GA 30309	
Julian Lee Lokey, MD	404-256-4777	Georgia Cancer Specialists 993-D Johnson Ferry Rd., Suite 430 Atlanta, GA 30342	Breast cancer
	770-475-3287	11660 Alpharetta Hwy., Suite 590 Roswell, GA 30076	
Richard Leff, MD	770-496-5555	Georgia Cancer Specialists 2712 Lawrenceville Hwy. Decatur, GA 30033	
	770-760-9949	1364 Wellbrook Cir. Conyers, GA 30207	
Bencroft Lesesne, MD	404-256-4777	Georgia Cancer Specialists 993-D Johnson Ferry Rd., Suite 430 Atlanta, GA 30342	

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The Atlanta Lesbian Cancer Initiative, a non-profit organization, began meeting during the Summer, 1996. Guided by the belief that lesbians who are diagnosed with cancer and are in a health crisis should not have to be alone, we gathered representatives from various lesbian organizations to discuss our ideas. The Initiative's mission is to provide education, advocacy and services in support of lesbians with cancer, their partners and families. In addition, we want to serve as a catalyst for the prevention and cure of cancer. We are accomplishing our mission through the following activities: 1) offering a support group for lesbians with cancer and their partners at no charge, 2) offering a bereavement group for partners, families and friends at no charge, 3) providing community educational programs to increase awareness and disseminate accurate information on cancer related topics, 4) educating health care providers concerning the needs of lesbians with cancer, and 5) developing a volunteer base to provide direct services for lesbians with cancer. For further information or to volunteer, please call 404-872-2220.

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And Who Are
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The first support group is Saturday, July 28th at 2:00 pm at ALCI's Lesbian Cancer Center, 1530 Dekalb Avenue, NE, Suite A, Atlanta, Georgia. The group will then meet every 4th Saturday of each month at 2:00 pm.

The support group's facilitator is Lisa Diane White, Self-Help Group Developer, National Black Women's Health Project.

If you have cancer or are a cancer survivor, we invite you to join us. Contact ALCI at 404-688-2524 to sign up for the support group. If you know of someone with cancer or is a cancer survivor, please let her know about the support group.

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The successful candidate will have experience with:

- Fund raising — developing new relationships with individuals, corporations, organizations, and foundations; maintaining on-going relationships; and researching opportunities for grants and submitting grant proposals
- Planning and directing client services programs, which includes support groups and direct services
 - Recruiting and directing volunteers
 - Managing staff and budget

This position requires strong ability as a public spokesperson in the Atlanta and national communities. Strong written communication skills are necessary. Knowledge of cancer, particularly lesbians and cancer, is preferred.

Bachelor's required; Master's or equivalent experience preferred. Salary DOE. For consideration, please send hard copy resume and cover letter to Sandra Jones, PhD, at address below.



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Message from the Executive Director

As we approach the holidays and the end of 1999 and the century, I want to thank you all for supporting the Atlanta Lesbian Cancer Initiative in creating a dream that is coming true! Our vision of supporting lesbians living with cancer has consistently been realized since our inception in 1996. This year, ALCI's Board set the goals of opening a Lesbian Cancer Center and developing a volunteer program that will begin offering direct services in 2000. We found a location, completed build out of the space, and moved into our new Center in September. We have the beginnings of a resource library that will include loan material and internet access with the latest information regarding cancer. Having a center will also allow us to offer educational programs in the near future. With a new home base, ALCI can expand services and reach more women in the community. Our second goal for 1999 has been to develop a volunteer program. Planning for this program is progressing, and we are continuing to seek funding for these efforts.

On November 14, ALCI held an Open House with a ribbon cutting ceremony to open our doors to the community. Many representatives were present from organizations and agencies who have provided support to us since our beginning. So many of you have contributed to our success! The Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta awarded us a grant to begin funding for our volunteer program. Thank you all again for being at our opening and for helping us create our lovely new home!

As we look to the future, I am reminded of the Atlanta Lesbian Cancer Initiative's vision: to live in a world free of homophobia and cancer. I maintain hope for a cancer-free and just world as we move into the next century. Until we realize this vision, the needs of lesbians with cancer will be the Atlanta Lesbian Cancer Initiative's priority. We need your on-going encouragement and generous financial support as we move forward. Thank you and happy holidays!

Sincerely,

Linda McGehee PhD, RN
Executive Director, ALCI



Dee McGraw, Linda McGehee, and Jeanie Schoelles cut the ribbon to officially open ALCI's Lesbian Cancer Center.

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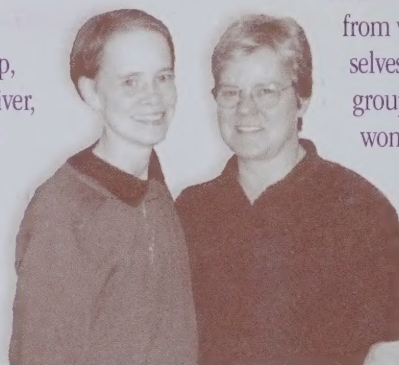
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Dr. Phillips Receives Award

Jill Ruhlman, Chair, presents the 2nd Annual Dennie Doucher Healing Angel Award to Dr. Ragsbert Phillips during the Fall Garden Party at the Cator Woolford Gardens.

Upcoming Events for



January 22, Saturday:

The Atlanta Gay and Lesbian Center, in cooperation with the Fulton County Health Department, the Feminist Women's Health Center, and the Atlanta Lesbian Cancer Initiative, will sponsor a health fair focusing on lesbian health issues including breast and other cancers, nutrition, and smoking on Saturday, January 22, 2000 from 10am to 2pm. HIV/STD and hepatitis testing will be available.

Mammograms, pap smears, and other tests will also be available at low fees and counseling will be provided. The fair will be held at the Center, 71 Twelfth Street in Midtown.

For additional information, call 404-875-5372.

April 8, Saturday: Fourth Tuesday's Annual Spring Fling

will be held in the lovely Atlanta Botanical Garden at 1345

Piedmont Avenue. The party benefits the Atlanta Lesbian Cancer Initiative. For more information or to volunteer, call Fourth Tuesday at 770-662-4353.

October 8, Sunday:

The Atlanta Lesbian Cancer Initiative's 5th Annual Fall Garden Party will be held at Collanwolde Fine Arts Center, 980 Briarcliff Road from 4pm - 7pm. An art auction will be a part of this year's event. For more information, call ALCI at 404-688-2524.

December 1, Friday: Good Friends for Good Causes will sponsor their annual Holiday Ball at The Biltmore in Atlanta on 817 W. Peachtree St. from 9pm until 1am. This event will benefit ALCI. For more information, call 404-872-7730.

Major Health Legislation Passed in Georgia

The "Breast Cancer Patient Care Act" allows a patient and her doctor to decide how long the patient should be hospitalized following breast cancer-related surgery. No minimum hospital stay is established; but insurance companies now must pay for the length of stay that is determined to be in the patient's best interest.

**Data Source: State Representative Stephanie Stuckey, Legislative Newsletter, 1999 Session*



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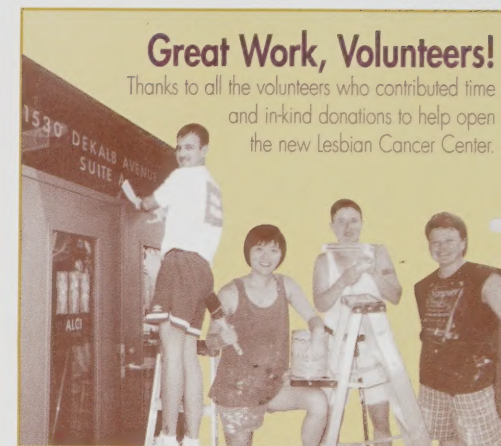
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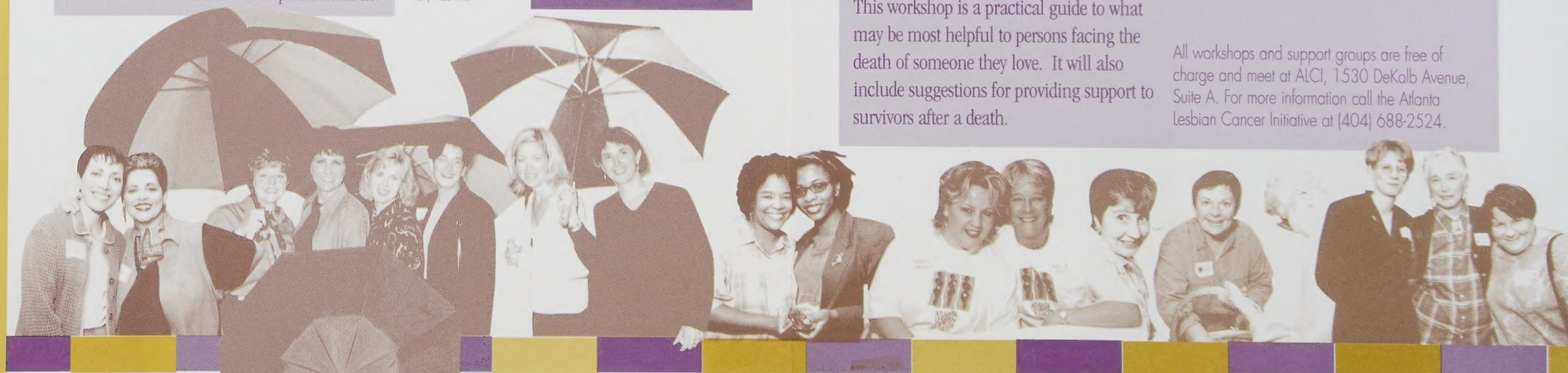
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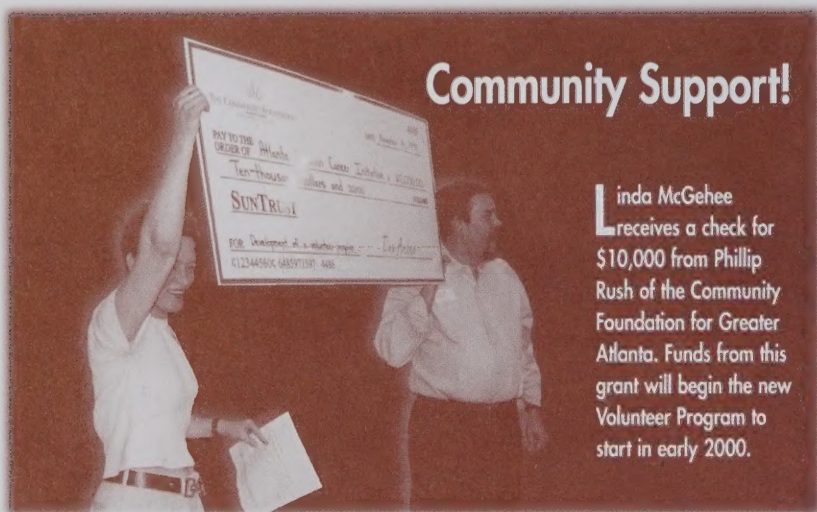
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Signs & Symptoms

Ovarian Cancer Symptoms: Just a Whisper

The National Ovarian Cancer Coalition advises listening carefully for symptoms of ovarian cancer:

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- Frequency and/or urgency of urination in absence of infection
- Any unexplained change in bowel habits
- Abnormal or post-menopausal bleeding
- Weight gain or weight loss
- Pain during sex that includes penetration
- Pelvic and/or abdominal swelling, pain, bloating, and/or feelings of fullness

Women should have regular rectal and vaginal pelvic examinations. If irregularity of ovaries is found, evaluation may include transvaginal sonography and tumor marker tests. Call 1-888-OVARIAN for information.

**From Giving Voice, Winter 1998, Women's Cancer Resource Center, Minneapolis, MN*



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As we look to the future, I am reminded of the Atlanta Lesbian Cancer Initiative's vision: to live in a world free of homophobia and cancer. I maintain hope for a cancer-free and just world as we move into the next century. Until we realize this vision, the needs of lesbians with cancer will be the Atlanta Lesbian Cancer Initiative's priority. We need your on-going encouragement and generous financial support as we move forward. Thank you and happy holidays!

Sincerely,

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THANK YOU!



Dr. Phillips Receives Award

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Upcoming Events for



January 22, Saturday:

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Mammograms, pap smears, and other tests will also be available at low fees and counseling will be provided. The fair will be held at the Center, 71 Twelfth Street in Midtown.

For additional information, call 404-875-5372.

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will be held in the lovely Atlanta Botanical Garden at 1345 Piedmont Avenue. The party benefits the Atlanta Lesbian Cancer Initiative. For more information or to volunteer, call Fourth Tuesday at 770-662-4353.

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Major Health Legislation Passed in Georgia

The "Breast Cancer Patient Care Act" allows a patient and her doctor to decide how long the patient should be hospitalized following breast cancer-related surgery. No minimum hospital stay is established, but insurance companies now must pay for the length of stay that is determined to be in the patient's best interest.

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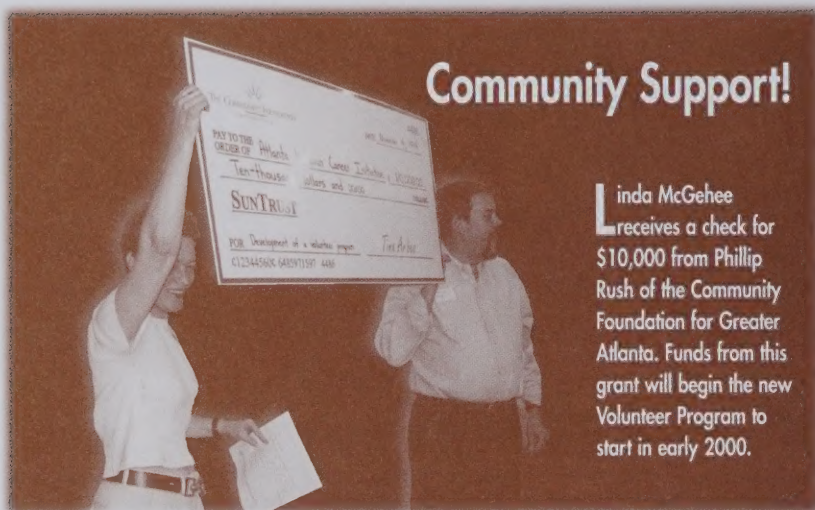
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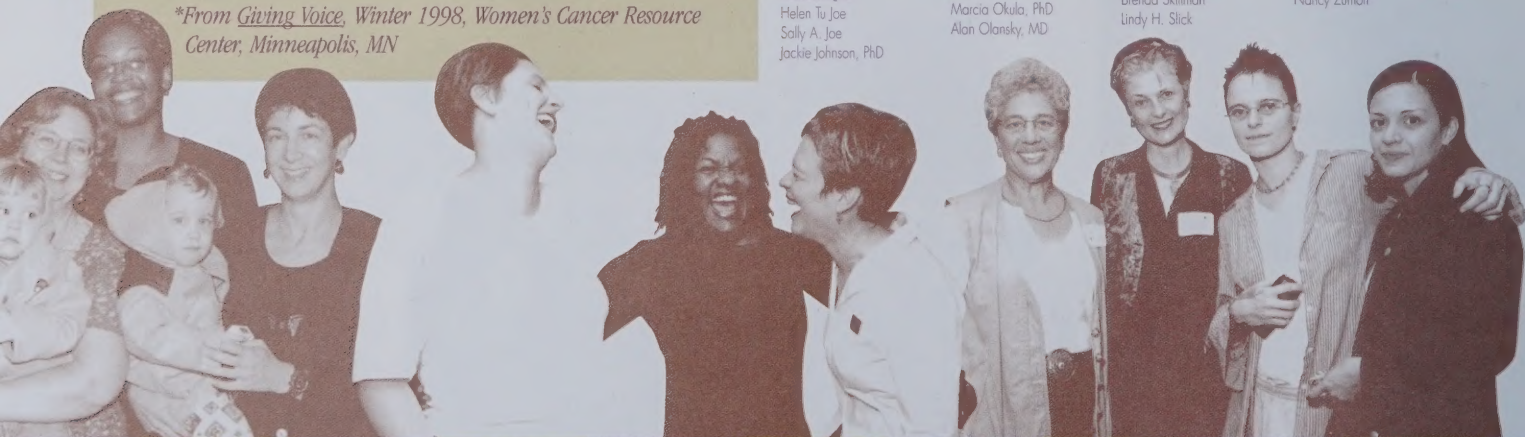
Ovarian Cancer Symptoms: Just a Whisper

The National Ovarian Cancer Coalition advises listening carefully for symptoms of ovarian cancer:

- Vague but persistent gastrointestinal complaints, such as gas, nausea, and indigestion
- Frequency and/or urgency of urination in absence of infection
- Any unexplained change in bowel habits
- Abnormal or post-menopausal bleeding
- Weight gain or weight loss
- Pain during sex that includes penetration
- Pelvic and/or abdominal swelling, pain, bloating, and/or feelings of fullness

Women should have regular rectal and vaginal pelvic examinations. If irregularity of ovaries is found, evaluation may include transvaginal sonography and tumor marker tests. Call 1-888-OVARIAN for information.

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Supporters had a wonderful time at the Fall Garden Party!